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Mr. George Britton, Manager  
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Santa Ana, CA 92702-4048

**SUBJECT: Recirculated Portions of EIR No. 564 - Musick Expansion**

Dear Mr. Britton:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject document. The following information is provided for your consideration:

Page 57/58 - This section references the self sufficiency of an airport environment in the area of fire and paramedics and requires clarification. FAA Regulations require dedicated airport rescue and firefighting (ARFF) resources to be within 3 minutes of the furthest runway to perform crash, fire, and rescue services. Additional resources would be required for paramedic and support functions. Because the reuse plan has not been finalized, the final number, configuration, and location of stations has not been determined.

Page 61 - Fire Authority second paragraph - Last line should delete reference to "if any" as this comment is conjectural.

Pages 61/62 Mitigation Measure 10 & 11 - We recommend splitting the issues related to construction and emergency service delivery between Mitigation measures 10, 11, 12 and renumbering No. 13:

Mitigation Measure No. 10 Prior to the full implementation of Phase 1 of the Jail expansion, and prior to the construction of each phase thereafter, the County Sheriff-Coroner shall present evidence to the County Executive Officer that the Orange County Health Care Agency or other qualified provider has provided onsite medical services sufficient to significantly reduce the need for paramedic calls to the Musick Jail facility.

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Mitigation Measure No. 11 -Prior to the completion of each phase of construction, the County of Orange shall coordinate with the Orange County Fire Authority regarding emergency service demand requirements.

Mitigation Measure No. 12 - The Orange County Fire Authority with the County of Orange shall concurrently review site and plan review documents to ensure fire protection and life safety issues are addressed as provided in adopted regulations.

Renumber No. 12 to 13. (reference coordination with Lake Forest law enforcement requirements).

Page 65 Mitigation Measure No. 5 - Separate construction issues and emergency response issues as noted in comments above.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to this important project and appreciate the efforts of the Orange County Sheriff to cooperate on this issue. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick L. Walker", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick L. Walker  
Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal



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**Subject: Recirculated Sections of EIR No. 564:  
James A. Musick Jail Expansion and Operation**

Dear Mr. Britton:

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) staff has reviewed the recirculated sections of the Environmental Impact Report (No. 564) for the James A. Musick Jail Expansion and Operation. Staff has no comment on the project at this time.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this project. If you have any further questions please contact Amy Walvoord at (714) 560-5751.

Sincerely,

Kia Mortazavi  
Manager, Planning and Programming

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Re: Serrano Park Community Association

Dear Mr. Britton,

The Serrano Park Community Association's Board of Directors has received and reviewed the information provided regarding the Musick Jail Expansion and Operation expansion, including the Saddleback Sheriff's Station.

The Serrano Park Community Association's Board of Directors, on the behalf of the membership of the Association, would like to advise of their emphatic opposition to the expansion of the Musick Jail and all operations, including the Saddleback Sheriff's Station.

Enclosed, is a copy of the Notice of Public Meeting the Association received. Please consider this as the formal notice of opposition from the Serrano Park Community Association, comprised of 593 single family homes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

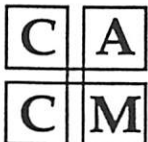
Sincerely,

For the Board of Directors

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PROJECT: Recertification of proposed final environmental impact report (FEIR) 564 for the James A. Musick Jail Expansion and Operations including the recently recirculated sections.

Planning and Development Services Department,

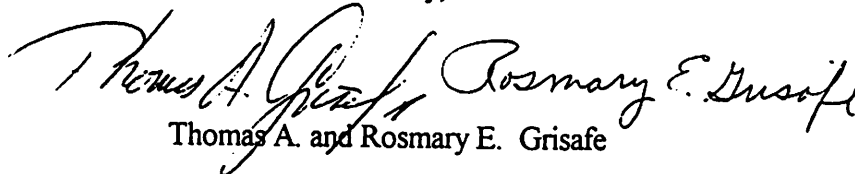
I wish to raise several issues that I believe are flaws and/or outright fraudulent claims made in the Musick Jail FEIR 564. The general tone of the report is that of a sales pitch rather than what it should be, an objective evaluation of the impact of the proposed project on the community. Even portraying the project as an "expansion" rather than describing what it really is, "the destruction of the existing minimum security honor farm and replacement with a five-story maximum security Jail" belies the intent of the writers to deceive the reader. This is not merely an expansion of the existing facility. Below are additional comments I wish considered.

1. **The EIR does not accurately portray the project for what it is, a 5-story maximum security inmate facility located in an area zoned for private homes and 2-story commercial buildings.** It does not indicate that project will introduce a new and dangerous class of inmates and their associates into our community, our neighborhoods and our places of business. Nor does it accurately address the socioeconomic impact on the surrounding communities. Clearly the intent of the EIR is to promote the project and to neutralize any opposition to it. Even the photographs showing the site are taken in such a manner to include only the rural property surrounding the facility and do not show the adjacent residential areas. That in itself is deceitful.
2. **The EIR does not address the unimproved land on the Musick site except to indicate that it will be farmland.** Clearly this property will be available for further expansion and additional facilities. No information is provided concerning potential future uses of the property or its further impact on the communities.
3. **The EIR does not address how the severely disturbed juveniles who commute to and from the facility will affect the surrounding communities.** Will we have these people roaming our neighborhoods? How will the County ensure that they will not have any negative impact on our local homes, parks, schools or businesses?
4. **The EIR does not address the cumulative effect of the airport, the homeless shelters, the disabled facilities, the Sheriff's substation and other projects that are proposed for this area.** This report should include the combined effect on the local property values, traffic, community maintenance, community security, and other issues that may affect the local communities and the County in general.

5. **The EIR does not address the County's previous commitment to not expand the Musick site to anything more than the existing minimum security facility.** Are we to accept that the County does not intend to honor its contracts with its citizens? If so, why then should we believe anything promised in the current proposal?
6. **The EIR traffic impact analysis is inconsistent with the airport EIR.**
7. **The EIR does not address alternative sites and why alternate sites were rejected by the County.** My understanding is that the County is pursuing this site because of opposition from residents near other sites. Are we operating on the basis of might makes right?
8. **The EIR does not address how the County will compensate residents if we are damaged as victims of crimes or if we experience decreased property values, increased insurance premiums, increased community maintenance costs to maintain clean streets, graffiti removal, and damage repair.** Is it the intent of the County to unload these and other financial burdens onto citizens and local communities without just compensation?
9. **The EIR does not address the impact or control of visitors to our communities.** Clearly there will be little distinction between the people in the prison and those coming into our communities to visit and meet with inmates. Is it the intent of the County to leave us to our own resources to deal with these bitter and often dangerous persons in our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools and in our places of business?
10. **The EIR does not address the future plans for the facility.** Every time we hear an estimate of the number of inmates proposed for this facility it goes up. Recent estimates have increased from 7400 to 7680 inmates. What guarantee do we have that the county will limit the population to this number of inmates and that it will never increase in the future?
11. **The EIR does not address the release of prisoners into our community.** Through various meetings we have learned that it is the Sheriff's intent to release all classifications of criminals into our neighborhoods without regard to whether they are homeless, penniless or have transportation. Clearly these people must find a means to get where they are going and they will draw on the most available resources, our homes.
12. **The EIR does not address how to contain 8000 prisoners in the event the security of the facility is breached by a major event such as an earthquake, a bomb or airliner crash.** How will it be possible for a handful of guards to control thousands of hardened criminals that must be relocated immediately, or is it the County's intent to let them die in their cells?
13. **The EIR falsely claims that there will be no effect on property values of the local communities.** The drop in local home prices and testimonies specifically stating that buyers decided not to purchase homes in this area when they learned that there are plans for a prison prove this assumption is wrong.

14. **The EIR falsely claims that the presence of a prison in our neighborhood will present no risk to the safety of our wives and children** despite the fact that rapists and child molesters will be released across the street from a public park and within a few hundred feet of our homes. Even cigarette machines must be placed at least 1000 feet from our kids' schools. Apparently the writers of the EIR believe that cigarettes present a greater risk to our kids than released criminals.
15. **The County is rushing to vote on this important issue before the elections despite the fact that there is no money to initiate it for many years.** There has been insufficient time to evaluate the validity of the EIR as demonstrated by the numerous errors and omissions cited in various forums. This issue should be shelved until all elements of it are studied.
16. **The Planning Commission has not addressed the fact that several of the Orange County politicians have investments in projects that are compatible with a prison at this site.** A case can be made that the decision to locate the new prison at the Musick site was made based on personal gain and the EIR is merely a formality designed to meet the letter of the law. Clearly it was not intended to evaluate true environmental impacts on those affected by this project.
17. **Implementation of the proposed Musick facility will limit other project options for the Marine Base** should the existing proposals be found unworkable. The EIR should address how approval of this project will affect potential uses for the remaining El Toro base property.
18. **The EIR does not address how the Musick proposal will affect the pollution cleanup programs in process for the Marine Base.** What will be the impact of a vote on this proposal before the marines complete their clean-up project?
19. **The EIR includes no information concerning the County's efforts to obtain land adjacent to the site or what that land will be used for.** What restrictions will be placed on the use of that land and will it ever become available for even further expansion of the facility?
20. **Finally, the whole evaluation process is a sham.** There is not one individual in any of the decision-making agencies that represents the unanimous view of the communities most affected by these actions. Without proper representation any decision reached will not be binding on South County. To proceed with this proposal with only one side represented is deceitful and fraudulent and will waste taxpayers' time and resources.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas A. and Rosmary E. Grisafe



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING BY THE ORANGE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

**SUBJECT:** Recertification of proposed final environmental impact report (FEIR) 564 for the James A. Musick Jail Expansion and Operations including the recently recirculated sections. The Planning Commission will be making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the adequacy and certification of proposed FEIR 564.

**PROJECT:** Proposed FEIR 564 addresses the expansion of facilities and operations at the James A. Musick Jail, which will ultimately be considered by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 1998.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 13502 Musick Drive in Irvine, abutting the east side of the El Toro Marine Base and generally located at the intersection of Alton Parkway and Trabuco Road.

**APPLICANT:** The County of Orange

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, October 13, 1998

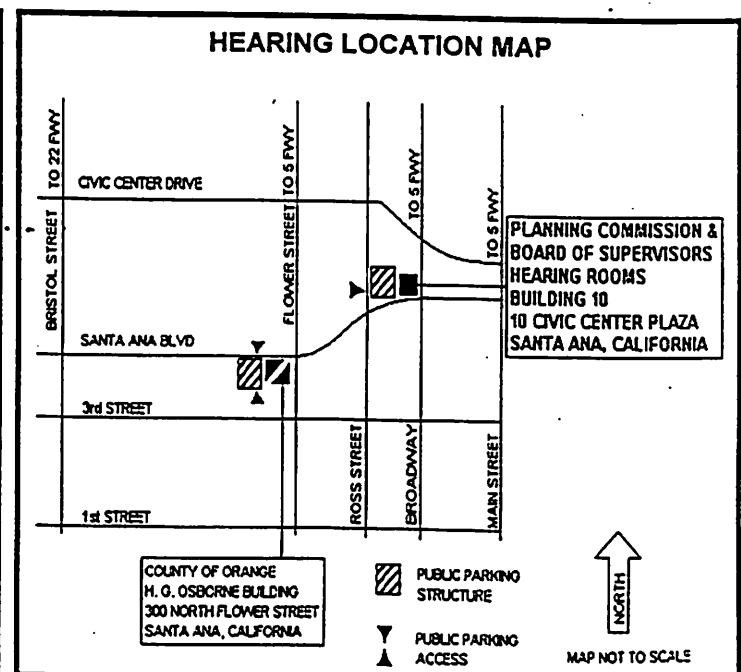
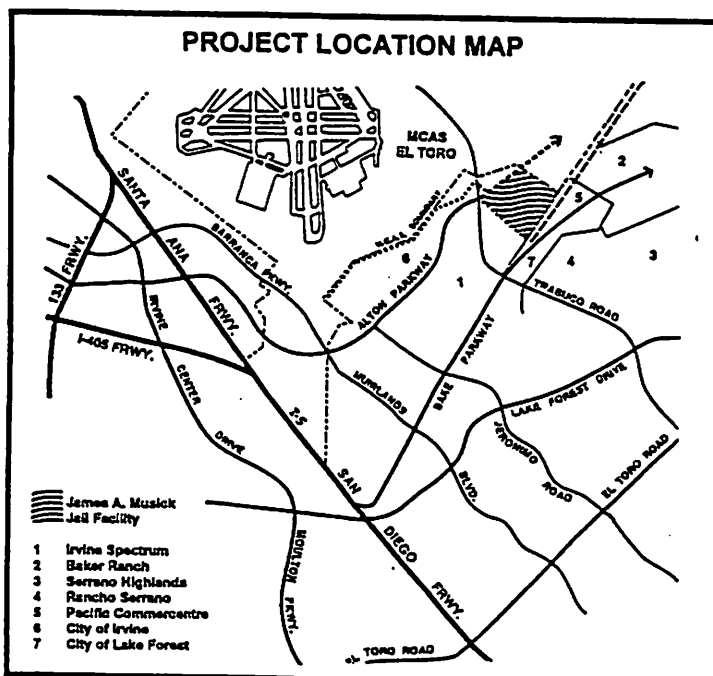
**MEETING TIME:** 1:30 p.m. (special meeting)

**MEETING LOCATION:** Planning Commission Hearing Room, 10 Civic Center Plaza (corner of Santa Ana Blvd. and Broadway) Downtown Santa Ana, California (See Hearing Location Map Below)

**INVITATION TO BE HEARD:** The applicant and all persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding the recirculated portion of the proposed FEIR are invited to present their views at the meeting. It is requested that any written response (20 copies are required) be submitted to the Planning Commission Secretary 24 hours prior to the respective meeting or hearing date. If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public meeting described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission Secretary.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Please call George Britton, Manager, Environmental & Project Planning Services at (714) 834-5550 or come into the Orange County Planning and Development Services Department at the address indicated below.

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**PROJECT:** Expansion of the existing James A. Musick Jail facilities and operations; Relocation of the Interim Care Facility and Construction of the Saddleback (formerly "Southeast") sheriffs Station.

Planning and Development Services Department,

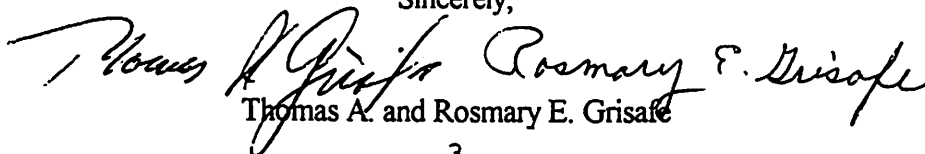
I object to allowing zoning exemptions for the James A. Musick Branch Jail Project. This project is totally incompatible with the surrounding areas as demonstrated by the numerous exemption requests submitted to the zoning committee. These zoning restrictions were enacted to assure that new projects are compatible with the proposed location. The fact that this many zoning exemptions are required to accommodate this project clearly shows that this project should not be approved for this site. Some of the characteristics that preclude implementing this project at the Musick site are:

1. **The facility structures are incompatible with surrounding buildings** - The proposed project is a five-story maximum security inmate facility located in an area zoned for private homes and two-story commercial buildings. This structure will tower above all other structures in the area.
2. **The facility operation is incompatible with surrounding residential communities** - This project will introduce a new and dangerous class of inmates' visitors into our community, our neighborhoods and our places of business. Severely disturbed juveniles will commute to and from the mental facility. These people will be roaming our neighborhoods, local businesses, parks and school grounds. Locating this facility in our neighborhoods will present a risk to the safety of our wives and children especially since the County has refused to commit that inmates, including rapists and child molesters, will not be released into our neighborhoods.
3. **This project will reduce property values in the local home markets** - The County has failed to identify how they will compensate local businesses and residents for claims arising from the presence of this prison in our neighborhood. Orange County does not have the resources that will be needed to compensate residents when we are damaged by decreased property values, criminal activity, increased insurance premiums, and increased community costs to maintain clean streets, graffiti removal, and damage repair. It is the apparent intent of the County to unload these and other financial burdens on local communities without just compensation. The recent drop in local home prices and testimonies specifically stating that buyers decided not to purchase homes in this area when they learned that there are plans for a prison are proof of this impact.

4. **The EIR falsely states the location of the Sheriff's substation.** The proposal is to locate the Sheriff's substation on Bake Parkway within a few hundred feet of existing residential homes and immediately across the street from a public park, not as stated in the Project Location statement at "the intersection of Trabuco and Alton Parkway". The Alton intersection is almost a mile away from the actual planned site intersection, existing homes and a public park.
5. **No study has been performed on the additional noise, traffic, and pollution that will be generated by the Sheriff Substation operation.** This facility will be generating noise, traffic and pollution from police vehicles, motorcycles, emergency vehicles and other law enforcement traffic entering and leaving the facility 24 hours a day, seven days per week.
6. **~~The proposed operation of this project is incompatible with residential needs~~ -** Through various meetings we have learned that it is the County's intent to release all classifications of criminals into our neighborhoods without regard to whether they are homeless, penniless or have transportation. Clearly these people must find a means to get where they are going and they will draw on the most available resources, our homes. This practice will present a clear and present danger to our families and properties.
7. **The current proposal does not address the cumulative effect of other projects planned for this area -** There are no studies showing the cumulative effect of these and other projects planned for the local communities such as the airport, the homeless shelters, the disabled facilities and others that are proposed for this area. These studies should include the combined air and noise pollution, traffic levels, the impact on local property values, community maintenance, community security and other issues that may affect the surrounding communities and County in general.
8. **Farmland use is incompatible with other planned operations at the El Toro site -** The County claims that land adjacent to the proposed facility will be used as farmland. This use is incompatible with other uses such as an airport that will dump 40 tons of pollution onto this land every day. This pollution will kill most plants and poison those that do grow.
9. **Traffic pattern projections prepared for this project are incompatible with the Airport EIR -** The EIR prepared for the Musick project is inconsistent with the Airport EIR concerning the traffic impact analysis. Inconsistencies must be resolved and authorized by those affected by the decision before zoning deviations are approved.
10. **The existing proposals do not address the impact or control of visitors to the facility -** Clearly there will be little distinction between the people in the prison and those coming into our communities to visit and meet with the inmates. Locating this facility at this site will bring these bitter and often dangerous persons into our neighborhoods, our schools, our places of business and ultimately our homes,
11. **The project has not addressed how they will contain prisoners in the event of a massive breach in security.** The current plan is to house almost 8000 maximum security inmates at this site. The plan does not address how they will contain or relocate this massive population in the event security of the facility is breached by a major event such as an earthquake, a bomb or airliner crash. Such a disaster will subject adjacent business and residents to devastating assaults.

12. **There has been insufficient time given to evaluate the prudence of the proposal** - It has been demonstrated by the numerous challenges to the county EIR that the proposal has extensive errors and omissions which have been cited in various forums. The County is rushing to vote on this important issue before the elections despite the fact that there is no money to initiate it for many years. This issue should be tabled until all elements of it are studied.
13. **Implementation of the proposed facility will limit other project options in the area** - Approving a maximum security facility with its associated community impact will limit the kind and number of activities that can be performed on community and business properties influenced by this proposal. For example, a day care center cannot be located within several miles of that area; and if it were, no parent would enroll their child in it.
14. **This project is inconsistent with previous county commitments** - The County's previous commitment to our community was to not expand the Musick site to anything more than the existing minimum security facility. The County has a legal and moral obligation to honor its commitments to the citizens of all communities.
15. **The County has failed to commit to limit the scope of this project** - The current plans allow unlimited expansion of the initial facility by virtue of reserving the 23 acres of land adjacent to the facility as "farm land." Additionally, the County has negotiated acquisition of land adjoining the proposed project. No commitment has been made identifying the future use of that property or the impact of that use on the communities.
16. **The County has failed to identify the true scope of the project** - Nowhere have the proponents revealed the true plans for the facility. Every time we hear an estimate of the number of inmates proposed for this facility, it goes up. Estimates have increased from 7400 to 7680 inmates. The County must be required to document the full scope of the project so that surrounding communities can address the true impact on their neighborhoods. Without documentation, the County will continue to violate its commitments as it has done by reneging on its commitment to not expand the Musick Honor Farm.
17. **The project does not address the impact of the Marine Base pollution cleanup program** - The exemption should be denied until it is determined how this proposal will be affected by the pollution cleanup program in process for the Marine Base. What will be the impact of a vote on this proposal before the Marines complete their clean-up project?
18. **The project is being pursued in opposition to local communities' wishes** - There is not one individual in any of the decision-making agencies who represents the unanimous view of the communities most affected by this project. Without proper representation any decision reached will not be binding on South County. To proceed with this proposal with no local representation is deceitful and fraudulent and will waste taxpayers' time and resources through extensive lawsuits.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas A. and Rosmary E. Grisale

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**PROJECT:** Expansion of the existing James A. Musick Jail facilities and operations; Relocation of the Interim Care Facility and Construction of the Saddleback (formerly "Southeast") Sheriff's Station.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** 1) ) Recertification of final environmental impact report (FEIR) 564 for the James A. Musick Jail Expansion and Operations including the recently recirculated sections; 2) Zoning Exemption for the construction of the James A. Musick Jail expansion, operations and Saddleback Sheriff's Station per section 7- 9-20(i)(3) of the Orange County Zoning Code (the County-owned property is within the A1 General Agriculture zone); and 3) approval of the subject project.

**LOCATION:** 13502 Musick Drive in Irvine, abutting the east side of the El Toro Marine Base and generally located at the intersection of Alton Parkway and Trabuco Road.

**APPLICANT:** The County of Orange

**HEARING DATE:** Tuesday, October 20, 1998

**HEARING TIME:** 9:30 a.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter)

**HEARING LOCATION:** Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 10 Civic Center Plaza (corner of Santa Ana Blvd. and Broadway) Downtown Santa Ana, California (See Hearing Location Map)

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:** Proposed FEIR 564 for the James A. Musick Jail Expansion and Operations including the recently recirculated sections.

**INVITATION TO BE HEARD:** The applicant and all persons either favoring or opposing this proposal and supporting documents are invited to present their views at the meeting and hearing. It is requested that any written response (20 copies are required) be submitted to the Clerk of the Board 24 hours prior to the hearing date. If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public meeting/hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

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